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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor;
assigning the donation to a delivery lot ~~of goods and/or services~~;
delivering the delivery lot ~~of goods and/or services~~ to one or more people in need;
obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and
providing the location of the delivery lot to the contributor at one or more points in time;
wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the receiving,
assigning, obtaining and providing steps.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via the Internet.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a contributor's name.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a contributor's payment information.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a

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donation preference.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via the phone.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via email.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot ~~goods and/or services~~ includes food.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot ~~goods and/or services~~ includes medicine.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot ~~goods and/or services~~ includes cash.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided in response to a request from the contributor.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided via a web site that is accessible by the contributor.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is automatically provided to the contributor at the one or more points in time.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein the location of the

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delivery lot is provided to the contributor via e-mail.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes one type of goods ~~and/or services~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes two or more types of goods ~~and/or services~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein each donation is assigned to a unique delivery lot.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein two or more donations are assigned to a common delivery lot.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the location of the ~~each~~ delivery lot at two or more points in time, each corresponding to a different location.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving either directly or indirectly two or more donations from two or more contributors;

assigning each donation to one of a number of ~~[[a]]~~ delivery lots ~~of goods and/or services~~;
delivering the delivery lots ~~of goods and/or services~~ to one or more people in need;
obtaining the location of each delivery lot at one or more points in time; and

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providing the location of ~~[[a]]~~ the delivery lots to one or more contributors at one or more points in time, each contributor receiving the location of the delivery lot(s) that correspond to the contributor's donations;

wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the receiving, assigning, obtaining and providing steps.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 wherein each donation is assigned a unique ID, and each contributor provides or selects the unique ID to receive the location of the corresponding delivery lot(s).

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein each contributor provides or selects the unique ID via a web site.

23. (Original) A method according to claim 20 wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the location of each delivery lot at two or more points in time, each corresponding to a different location.

24. (Currently Amended) A system for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the system comprising:

means for receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor;

means for assigning the donation of the contributor to a delivery lot ~~of goods and/or services~~;

means for obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and

means for providing the location of the delivery lot to the contributor at one or more points in time.

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25. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning selected donations to a common delivery lot ~~of goods and/or services~~ for delivery to an ultimate destination; and

reporting information relating to the delivery of the delivery lot to contributors whose donations have been assigned to the delivery lot;

wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the assigning and reporting steps.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein the contributors include individuals.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein the contributors include organizations with organization members.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein information relating to the delivery of the delivery lot is reported to one or more members of the contributing organizations.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 25 further comprising the step of: providing a chat room so that the contributors that provided donations to a common delivery lot can communicate with each other.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of

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contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying one or more delivery lots ~~of goods and/or services~~ to a contributor that need to be funded;

accepting a selection of one or more of the available delivery lots by the contributor, and accepting a donation thereto; ~~and~~

sending a funded delivery lot once the delivery lot is fully funded;

obtaining location information for the funded delivery lot after the funded delivery lot is sent;

providing the location information to those contributors that provided donations to the funded delivery lot; and

wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the displaying, accepting, ~~and sending~~, obtaining and providing steps.

31. (cancel)

32. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations, ~~wherein the donations are assigned to one or more delivery lots of goods and/or services~~, the method comprising:

receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor, wherein the donation is not initially designated as corresponding to any particular resource request of a charity or other non-profit;

assigning the donation to a delivery lot;

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obtaining the location of the delivery lot of ~~goods and/or services~~ at one or more points in time; and

providing the location of the delivery lot either directly or indirectly to the contributor;
wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the obtaining and providing steps.

33. (New) A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to a charity or other non-profit, the method comprising:

storing two or more donations made by contributors in a data processing system, wherein the two or more donations are not initially designated as corresponding to any particular resource request of the charity or other non-profit;

using the data processing system to assign two or more of the donations to a resource request, resulting in two or more assigned donations; and

notifying at least some of the contributors that made the two or more assigned donations that their donation now corresponds to the resource request.

34. (New) The computer assisted method according to claim 33 further comprising the steps of:

providing resources that are associated with the resource request to one or more charitable organizations or to one or more people in need.

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35. (New) The computer assisted method according to claim 34, wherein the notifying step includes providing at least some of the contributors that made the two or more assigned donations information related to the one or more charitable organizations or one or more people in need that were provided the resources associated with the resource request.

36. (New) The computer assisted method of claim 34 further comprising the step of tracking the location of the resources of the resource request at one or more points in time, wherein the notifying step includes providing at least some of the contributors that made the two or more assigned donations information related to the location of the resources of the resource request at one or more points in time.